



Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Waste Prevention – Recycling Program
Water Conservation Tools
Municipal Recycling Grant Application – FY 2005

Name of Municipality

A. Introduction

DEP is offering two new grant items to promote conservation of water in the residential and small business setting: rain barrels for the collection of rain from household gutters and downspouts, and water conservation kits. These tools can help residents and small businesses to reduce the demand on municipal water supplies and protect the local water table. Diverting rainwater from storm sewers also helps prevent erosion and reduces effluent which otherwise flows into rivers and lakes.

A **rain barrel** is a rainwater storage system that is connected to a down spout from a house or building. These 100% recycled barrels connect directly to your gutter's down spout and have an overflow valve and a spigot for attaching a hose or filling containers for hand watering.

The **water conservation kit** will help residents detect leaks in faucets and toilets, determine if their fixtures are water efficient, and offer tips on how to make their homes "water tight and waste free". It includes the following items:

- 1 chrome, low-flow showerhead with a massage setting.
- 1 roll of Teflon tape for installing the shower head.
- 1 1.5 g.p.m. bathroom faucet aerator with dual threads.
- 1 package of dye tablets to check for toilet leaks.
- 1 swivel faucet aerator for the kitchen.

Municipalities applying for these items must agree to sell them to the public at a discount. Revenue from sales must be placed into a dedicated account, from which the municipality will continue to reorder barrels and water conservation kits until the funds are depleted or the public demand is met.

Important:

When filling out forms on the computer, use only the tab key to move your cursor - do not use the return key.



B. Request Information

1. Number of rain barrels requested:

Quantity (should not exceed the equivalent of 5% of the number of households in your municipality)

2. Type/style of rain barrels requested:

☐ Sky Juice Rain Barrel ☐ New England Rain Barrel

3. Number of water conservation kits requested:

Quantity (should not exceed the equivalent of 5% of the number of households in your municipality)

4. What is the source of your municipal water supply?

Source (e.g., well water, MWRA, etc.)

5. How will your municipality publicize the availability of these items?

Non-eDEP filers should return applications to:
DEP,
Consumer Programs,
1 Winter Street,
10th Floor,
Boston, MA
02108



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B. Request Information (cont.)

6. Does your municipality have an existing dedicated or gift account, such as a home composting bin account, that can be modified to include rain barrels and/or water conservation kits?

☐ yes ☐ no

7. If you answered “no” to Question 6, do you anticipate any particular barriers to establishing this type of account? (Note: This may require town meeting approval.)

☐ yes ☐ no

If yes, please explain

8. Please describe any conditions or circumstances in your community that would support the implementation of a rain barrel and/or water conservation kit initiative:

9. Please identify (by title) the municipal employee who will coordinate the distribution of rain barrels and/or water conservation kits.

Title